

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

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On page 1, between line 6 and line 8, please insert the following paragraph:

-----This application claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 with DE 199 12 636, filed on 20 March 1999.-----